

LUSSIA HELD AT WESTERLY

Under \$3,000 Bonds For Shooting Antonio Bertelli—Liquor Case on Trial—Catholic Club Debaters Favor McClellan—New London Flower Growers Get Dahlia Expert Advice From Mrs. Otis Chapman.

Judge Oliver H. Williams presided at the session of the Third district court in Westery Friday. After a brief continuance of cases in the civil and criminal dockets, there was a trial of the four liquor seizures recently made in the Bradford section.

The first case called was against the person and vessels of Natalie Pucci. Officer of Police Thomas E. Brown testified that, armed with a search warrant, he searched the Pucci place for liquor on the 17th of March. He was accompanied by Police Constable John Callio. They seized a barrel half filled with ale beer. There were six men in the place who had evidently been drinking beer and two of the men were quite drunk.

Constable Callio gave evidence in corroborating and added that when they entered the house, the door was unlocked and a barrel of beer was found in the room.

Frank Bertelli testified that he had purchased beer from Mr. and Mrs. Pucci.

The liquor was adjudged forfeited to the state and warrant issued for the destruction of the liquor and destruction of the vessels. Like action was taken in the three other liquor cases.

The case against the liquor of Natalie Pucci was next called. Police Officer Thomas E. Brown testified that, with Constable John Callio, he searched the premises and found and seized a barrel of ale, half barrel of ale and a gallon jug of whiskey. Several men were seated at a table, upon which was several beer glasses.

In the case against liquor and vessels of Nonetto Pucci, Police Officer Callio testified that he seized half a barrel of ale and a two quart jug of whiskey at this place. He found also an empty half barrel. Pucci said the beer belonged to him and that he had it for his own use.

Police Sergeant Edward West was the first witness in the trial of the vessels and liquor seized at the residence of Michael Caputo. He was accompanied by Police Officer Callio and Constable John Callio and seized half a barrel of ale, two bottles of ale and a gallon jug of whiskey. While the officers were in the house, two men called and talked about beer. Mr. Caputo testified that he bought beer of Caputo on the 17th of March last.

Judge Williams then called the case against Bernardo Lussia, who is charged with shooting with intent to kill and murder Antonio Bertelli in the laborers' shack near the Westery railway station two weeks ago. Town Solicitor Agard appears for the state and Judge Herbert W. Rathbun for accused.

Mr. Agard said that the complaining witness, Antonio, had been summoned to appear in court and he was unable to account for his non-appearance. At Mr. Agard's request, copies for Antonio were taken. He said he was satisfied that Antonio preferred not to appear in court, as he did not want to push the case against Bernardo, but was induced to do all he could to effect the freedom of his assistant.

Judge Rathbun asked if plainly understood that the defense had no objection with the absence of Antonio, as he was considered the star witness for the defense. Mr. Rathbun said he had business in Norwich and that if the court took a recess until 3 o'clock it would be appropriate.

Justice was recessed for Antonio Bertelli and a recess was ordered until 3 o'clock.

The officers could not locate Bertelli and the hearing proceeded.

Police Officer Frederick T. Mitchell testified that he was the first witness called to the Italian laborers' shack on what was formerly the Biron property, at about 7:30 in the evening. Found Bertelli lying on cot with two bullet wounds. Mr. M. H. Scanlon was called and the injured man sent to the Rhode Island hospital. Lussia said he had shot the man and went with Officer West into an adjoining room and produced the revolver with which he said he had done the shooting.

Five chambers, three of which had been discharged. One bullet wound was in

the left kidney and another in the left forearm.

Edward E. West, sergeant of police, testified that he went to the Italian shack with Officer Mitchell. He corroborated the testimony of the previous witnesses.

Dr. M. H. Scanlon testified that he was called to attend Antonio Bertelli in the laborers' shack near the railway station. Antonio said he had been shot in the region of the left kidney and in the left forearm and these two wounds were the only ones attended to. Bertelli said that Lussia shot him and Lussia said he did the shooting. He identified the revolver.

Chief of Police Brown testified that Lussia had told him that he had shot Lussia and that Lussia had never reported any previous trouble with Antonio.

Michael Caputo testified he was in the shack on the night of the shooting and that Lussia shot Antonio with a revolver. Lussia hit Antonio with a stick first and then Antonio knocked Lussia down. Lussia warned Antonio to keep away and went away. Lussia said he was back and went to Antonio to go back and every time he told him to go back he fired a shot at Antonio.

Lorenzo Fava testified that he knew Lussia and Bertelli and was at the shack on the night of the shooting. Lussia fired three shots at Antonio; one hit in the back and one in the arm. Saw club in the hands of Lussia before the shooting and Antonio had no weapon.

Dominick Gherardi of New Rochelle testified that he had furnished some of the laborers on the railroad work. Lussia had been in his employ for 23 years and his character was of the very best. He was a peaceable man and afraid of fly. This was the first time he had been in trouble of any kind.

Charles J. Doonan, superintendent of Ryan & Kean, contractors, testified to the good character of Lussia. He stated that at one time Antonio had been discharged, as he had caused trouble. Lussia got Antonio back on the job.

Bernardo Lussia, the accused, testified he was statekeeper and worked for Gherardi. He said he had been in Westery eight months and met Antonio Bertelli here for the first time. On the night of the shooting Antonio came in and wanted a drink and gave him one, and another, and then gave him more. Antonio was drunk and had a piece of iron pipe in his hand and struck the counter with it. Antonio struck witness with his fist, but did not hit Antonio with a club, but made a club out of a stick and hit him. Antonio struck witness and knocked him down. Lussia called to the other two men to stop Antonio from following him, but they could not get hold of him. Lussia took the revolver out of the shoe case, pointed it at Antonio and then put the revolver back. Then Antonio said Lussia dare not shoot and kept following. Lussia then got the revolver and Antonio came towards him with bottle in hand. Then Lussia thought his life was in danger and shot. Antonio kept following the wall and then fired the third shot. Then Antonio made outcry and witness realized the bullet took effect and was very sorry. The first shot was fired when the men were about eight feet apart and about four feet when last shot was fired. Lussia said he shot Antonio because he believed his own life was in danger and he could retreat no farther.

The testimony was concluded at 5:30, followed with the arguments of Attorney Rathbun and Agard.

The accused was bound over under \$3,000 bonds, the case to come before grand jury at Kingston next Monday.

According to the debate of the Catholic club of Westery, George B. McClellan was a greater general in the war of the rebellion than Charles S. Grant. The subject was discussed of much length and gave evidence of careful research on the part of the debaters. The cause of the debate was instigated by Postmaster Charles J. Butler, Councilman Maurice W. Flynn, James Collins, Dr. Michael H. Scanlon, and Dr. John M. O'Connell. The debaters that urged the claim of Grant were Edward Murphy, Rev. Peter McClellan, Charles S. Grant, Joseph A. Day and Judge John W. Sweeney.

The judges were Martin H. Spellman, Rev. John Dunn, William Dolan, Dr. James M. Crowley and C. Leo Higgins. There was a large attendance of members and considerable interest was manifested in the carefully prepared discussion.

A New London paper of Friday said: The large number of members who attended the monthly meeting of the New London Horticultural society last evening felt well repaid in the pleasure and instruction they derived from the interesting address given by Mrs. Otis Chapman of Westery, the dahlia specialist. Mrs. Chapman is a recognized authority on the cultivation of this flower, and her success is evidenced in the dahlia farm which she owns, covering many acres. Mrs. Chapman described in detail the best methods of planting, raising and picking dahlias. She said the ground should be plowed about May 15 and planting should not be earlier than May 20, and better from June 1 to 10. She raised a laugh when she said that the proper time to gather the flowers was at 4 o'clock in the morning, while the dew was still on them. Many points of great value to florists were embodied in her remarks. A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Chapman for her services.

Local Laconics.

Daniel S. Marsh, Jr., of New London was a visitor Friday in Westery.

The negotiations for the lease of the Main street mill have been closed.

The new occupants of the Westery woolen mill property in the Federalburg shirt company of Federalburg, Md.

It is believed that the fellow that was befriended by Joe O'ray and then robbed the store and a nearby fruit store has been located in Jewett City.

The body of Herbert E. Ellis, who died in Providence about three months ago, was brought to Westery Friday and buried at River Bend. Local Masons served as bearers.

A tentative programme of the exercises attending the laying of the cornerstone of the town and court building has been submitted to the acting Mayor. The exercises will include a eulogy on Masonry, an address and singing by pupils of the public schools.

New Haven.—The 50th anniversary of the New Haven City Guard was celebrated recently. Captain Frank Paul received the gift of a gold watch from the company and Sergeant John A. Barnes was given a ten year medal.

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Putnam, April 12.—Charles Clemens, 30, while operating a circular saw at the Mrs. Frances E. Harrington place on the river road, Friday afternoon, had his left hand severely injured when a stick became twisted under the saw and threw his hand against the blade. He was taken to the Day-Kimball hospital where the first and second fingers were amputated, and the badly lacerated thumb and 5d finger given attention.

Inquired About World Story.

A story that appeared in a New York paper of Sunday, under a Putnam date line, and having to do with the alleged solution of all the horse thefts that have occurred in this section for several years past, had just enough truth in it to stir up unnecessary expense and trouble for a man in Putnam, N. J., who has lost a horse and called up Captain Murray Tuesday by telephone, at the rate of a dollar a minute, to talk about the matter. The item stated that "the police assert," but the captain had to tell the man that he had asserted nothing and knew not a thing about the claims made in the story referred to.

Recently, in the Charlestown, Mass., prison, Delancy Steeves died of consumption. Among other things he told in a confession made to Sheriff Rice of Barre, Mass., a few days before his death, was that four years ago this

month he stole a pair of horses from the stable of W. H. Young of Woodstock. Steeves came to that town with other men in an automobile one night in April of 1908, he said, took the pair of horses, blankets, horse goods, harnesses and grain and started for the Massachusetts line. The next day the horses were hidden in the woods near Oxford, and the next night driven into Boston, from where they were shipped to Portland, Me., and sold to a lumberman.

This story was repeated, in response to an inquiry Tuesday, over the telephone by Mrs. Young at Woodstock, who talked in the absence of her husband. Sheriff Rice recently wrote to Mr. Young, giving him the facts of the confession. Mrs. Young stated that there was no truth in the part of the New York paper story that her husband had received a letter, unsigned, stating that it was from the man who stole the horses, and that while Mr. Young was in Worcester looking for them he had eaten dinner at the same table in a restaurant with the horse thief.

From all that can be learned, there is no ground for the claim that the confession of Steeves solves the theft of other horses hereabouts.

Dog Owners Dilatory.

Very few owners have yet appeared at the office of Town Clerk David Flagg to register their dogs, all of which must be registered by May 1 to avoid paying an extra assessment.

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Cargill counsel, K. of C., has accepted an invitation to attend the working of the third degree on a class of

candidates in All Hallows' council at Moosup next Sunday afternoon.

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